

**Registered charity number: 1186922**

**Life Church**

**Frederick Street, Wigston**

**Leicester LE18 1PJ**

**Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**for the year ended**

**31 December 2022**

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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The Trustees present their report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Administration Details**

Life Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 1186922. Its registered address is 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1PJ.

**Organisational structure**

The Trustees, who are responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries, holding office during the period, are:

J Allard (appointed 17 April 2023)  
M Buckley  
L D Cole  
A Harrison  
M Hill  
C Quashie

**Governance and Management**

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

**Risk Review**

The Trustees review risk periodically, and are satisfied that major risks to which the charity is exposed, are adequately mitigated through insurance, policies and procedures.

**Objectives and activities**

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the Trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work on Sundays and midweek.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups, held in homes across the city and online.
- Online teaching series, inspiration and resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

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**Achievements and Performance**

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued with inspirational teaching from the Bible, and Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.
- Encounter worship nights were held, and Life Church Creatives established to produce new worship music.
- Life Groups were held in homes across the city, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Leadership Life training and development continued, including groups and activities for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, with Life Kids on Sundays and youth focused groups during the week.
- Our iBelieve online teaching resource continued with a focus on equipping people in the Christian faith.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece, Spain and Congo; through Hope for Justice, HaS Mission and YourMission; and through a special offering to support people affected by the war in Ukraine.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including providing Christmas and Easter hampers to isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- A programme of men's and women's events and away days were held.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- Leaders and emerging leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake.

**Sources of funds**

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

**Donations**

During the year we gave £15,123 (2021: £10,640) to other Christian charities and Missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

**Related Party Transactions**

During the period, salary payments totalling £55,133 were paid to trustees, under contracts of employment for work as pastors. Employer's pension contributions are also paid.  
Expenses paid to trustees amounted to £1,830.

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)**

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#### **Funds and Reserves Policy**

The net of payments over receipts for the year was £872 (2021: net receipts over payments £2,246). Total unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 were £55,164 (2021: £56,890) and restricted funds were £7,444 (2021: £6,590).

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £26,565. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2022 the unrestricted general fund balance was £55,164, representing 6 months expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees

Matthew Hill  
**Trustee**

**Dated: 21 May 2023**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **J Price FCA**

Relevant professional qualification or body:  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Dated: 21 May 2023

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## Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021
<b>Receipts</b>				
Tithes and offerings	89,473	-	89,473	89,932
Gift aid tax recovered	18,071	-	18,071	17,618
Special appeals	-	2,388	2,388	-
Donations to mission and outreach	-	1,161	1,161	900
Donations for building	-	4,672	4,672	5,290
Events	-	515	515	225
Other income	37	-	37	315
Investment income	158	-	158	57
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>107,739</b>	<b>8,736</b>	<b>116,475</b>	<b>114,337</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry, including gifts and expenses	59,126	-	59,126	58,122
Missions and outreach	12,018	2,113	14,131	13,033
Special appeals	-	2,388	2,388	
Youth and children's work	2,965	515	3,480	1,855
Events	180	-	180	-
Support costs	3,650	-	3,650	2,699
Subscriptions	3,725	-	3,725	3,725
Licences	987	-	987	1,297
Equipment	948	-	948	181
Website	979	-	979	985
Lighting, heating and water	4,610	-	4,610	3,763
Building repairs and maintenance	7,742	2,736	10,478	5,644
Cleaning	8,128	-	8,128	7,527
Insurance	1,202	-	1,202	1,134
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>106,260</b>	<b>7,752</b>	<b>114,012</b>	<b>99,965</b>
<b>Asset purchases</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>12,126</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>109,595</b>	<b>7,752</b>	<b>117,347</b>	<b>112,091</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(1,856)</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>(872)</b>	<b>2,246</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds brought forward</b>	<b>56,890</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>63,480</b>	<b>61,234</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,164</b>	<b>7,444</b>	<b>62,608</b>	<b>63,480</b>

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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Bank and Cash funds</b>		
General fund	55,164	-
Missions	-	86
Building fund	-	7,206
CCTV	-	152
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>55,164</b>	<b>6,590</b>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claims due	3,488	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	
Church building, 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, LE18 1PJ	Unrestricted	
Movable fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	
	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due £</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
PAYE, NI and pension contributions	Unrestricted	981
Other	Unrestricted	1,868

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Matthew Hill  
Trustee

Dated: 21 May 2023